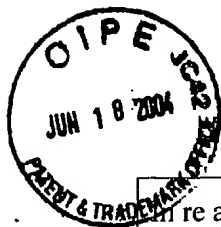


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Dear Sir:

A) In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004 with a shortened statutory period for response no later than September 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.